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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Docket No.: SHLI-002-003

Beth A. Burnside, et al.

Examiner: A. Pryor

Application No.: 10/027,349

Group Art Unit: 1616

Filed: December 20, 2001

Title: SUSTAINED RELEASE PHARMACEUTICAL DOSAGE FORMS WITH
MINIMIZED PH DEPENDENT DISSOLUTION PROFILES

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Date: October 10, 2003

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time. A response to the outstanding Office Action for the above-identified patent application is filed concurrently herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$110 extension fee, and any deficiencies in this application, to Deposit Account No. 502715.

Respectfully submitted,

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